



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**FILE COPY**
 COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO./TITLE
09/942,308	08/29/2001	Stephen F. Smith	25016-115

**CONFIRMATION NO. 9729**
 Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard, LLC  
 201 W. McBee Avenue  
 Greenville, SC 29603


\*OC00000007177992\*

Date Mailed: 12/10/2001

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT****Application Filing Date**

In response to your request for a corrected Filing Receipt, the Office is unable to comply with your request because:

- ☐ The correct application number appears on the Filing Receipt. Your postcard included an incorrect application number. Please update your records to reflect the application number on the enclosed Filing Receipt. See MPEP 503.
- ☐ If your application was submitted under 37 CFR 1.10, your filing date should be the "date in" found on the Express Mail label. If there is a discrepancy, a request for a corrected Filing Receipt should be submitted along with a copy of the Express Mail label showing the "date in."
- ☐ A copy of the Express Mail label was not enclosed with your request. Please resubmit.
- ☐ The date on the Express Mail label is the date given on the Filing Receipt.
- ☐ The filing date accorded to the application is the date the application met the filing date requirements of 37 CFR 1.53(b) or (c).
- ☒ Filing date of a parent application cannot be changed by this request. A request for corrected Filing Receipt must be directed to such parent application.
- ☐ Applications submitted under 37 CFR 1.8 are accorded a filing date as of the date the application is received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ The filing date on your return postcard is the same as the date on your Filing Receipt.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.10 or 1.53 is needed to correct the filing date. The petition should be


☐ directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions.

Any corrections that may need to be done to your Filing Receipt should be directed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Office of Initial Patent Examination  
Customer Service Center  
Washington, DC 20231

---

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Customer Service Center  
Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY

RECEIVED  
DEC 12 2001  
Technology Center 2600